

always have the option to put it back on the ballot and the people in my district have the right to vote it on. I don't know whether it is the proper approach to be increasing it. I think the Revenue Committee took a good hard look at the proposal and they chose to reject it at this time, and I think I am going to abide by the committee's decision and not support the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Pappas.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to support the Lundy amendment and to point out a few things I think a lot of people forget. I think traditionally a lot of people in the state feel that it is Omaha and Lincoln versus the rest of the state, and I don't think I have to remind you that Lincoln and Omaha has already been afforded this opportunity to increase their sales tax to 1 1/2 percent. In fact it was just a year ago that we did give Lincoln that opportunity with the E clause on it, the opportunity to go to 1 1/2 percent so that they could vote on it in the primary election. And the strange thing about it, some of the same reasons that Omaha originally in 1981 gave for the increase and Lincoln gave are the same reasons that the other first class cities have come forth and argued for the opportunity to go to 1 1/2 percent by a vote of the people. It is very strange if you look at Senator Johnson's, Vard Johnson's, in '81 he voted for the 1/2 percent increase in the Omaha sales tax and also the Lincoln sales tax, the increase. It is also strange that Senator Chambers about three or four years ago had a bill in front of the Revenue Committee that talked about giving the people of Omaha the opportunity to vote again on that 1/2 percent increase on sales tax, and I think if you check the record, Senator Johnson was the one that did not want to afford the citizens the opportunity to vote again on the increase in sales tax. I think this is a classic thing that we need to let the other cities in Nebraska afforded the same golden opportunity that we have given Lincoln and Omaha. So I ask you to adopt Senator Lundy's amendment and also an E clause forthcoming and push this bill on to Select File so the other cities in Nebraska have the same chance that Omaha and Lincoln already have taken advantage of.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I